HOW WAS IT?
IF I DO IT TOO MUCH, YOU'D GET TIRED INSTEAD
IT FEELS GOOD
AH, THAT'S GREAT!
I STIMULATED THE A-10 NERVE CELLS IN YOUR BRAIN
WHAT DID YOU DO? IT WAS GREAT LAST TIME, AND IT WAS GREAT THIS TIME.
AND RE-LEASED YOUR BRAIN'S HOR-MONES
FOR EXAMPLE, IT SEEMS THE SUBSTANCE CALLED β-ENDORPHIN
ACTS AS A PAIN-KILLER AND CAUSES PLEASURE
?
I THINK SOME WAVES COME FROM MY HAND
THAT'S WHAT MOM TOLD ME

AND..
IT FEELS LIKE I'VE HAD SEX
!!
WH-WHAAA...
!?
WHAT'RE YOU TRYING TO DO LEAVING YOUR HANDS AROUND LIKE THAT?
BUFF
..JUST IGNORE THAT.
MY RESULTS FOR THE RECENT TOURNAMENT WERE A PERSONAL BEST
MY HEAD WAS FRIGHTENINGLY CLEAR AND I FELT GOOD,
LIKE I COULD DO ANYTHING
...THAT WAS THE ONLY THING THAT COULD'VE CAUSED IT.

I THOUGHT ABOUT IT AND GREW INTERESTED,
AND SO I KEPT SEARCHING.
TRUTHFULLY, I WAS IN THE MIDDLE OF A SLUMP.
WHEN I HEARD THAT YOU QUIT THE RESEARCH DEPARTMENT,
I WAS REALLY SURPRISED.
I HAD TAKASHI
I SETTLED DOWN SINCE I DIDN'T LIKE GETTING UNNEEDED INVESTIGATIONS FROM LEFT AND RIGHT
THERE WAS NO OTHER WAY. THE PROJECT WAS ON HIATUS,
AND AFTER THAT, THE MANIPULATION OF SEX CELLS TO CREATE GENETIC HEIRS WAS FORBIDDEN.
HM, SO THAT'S WHY...

GOING BY YOUR PERSONALITY, I HAD THOUGHT YOU'D GIVE YOUR BORNE CHILD TO A MARTIAL FAMILY...
AND RETURN TO THE RESEARCH DEPARTMENT.
...TO ME
IT WAS AN EXPERIMENT EVERYDAY
TO SEE JUST HOW MUCH ABILITY TAKASHI HAD. JUST HOW IT WOULD EVOLVE
THAT'S WHY, TO ME, IT WOULD'VE BEEN WORSE TO LET GO OF TAKASHI
BECAUSE THERE'S NO HOPE FOR ANOTHER CHANCE OF SUCH RESEARCH IN MY LIFE.
THE PROJECT'S STILL CONTINUING
EVEN IF IT WAS RESEARCH WHOSE RESULTS YOU COULDN'T PUBLISH?
YEAH.
BUT SOMEDAY IT WILL PROVE FRUITFUL.

IT'S BECAUSE I'M NOT AN ACADEMIC
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I PITIED HIM
AFTER BEING BORN IN THIS WORLD, I THOUGHT,
"WHY NOT LIVE AS A NORMAL PERSON WHILE HAVING FUN DOING WHAT YOU WANT TO DO AS MUCH AS YOU CAN?"
WELL, I DID RAISE HIM NORMALLY.
THAT'S WHY HE DIDN'T DEVELOP ANY SPECIAL ABILITY.
DOESN'T HE HAVE ONE?
AN ABILITY ISN'T JUST HAVING A SPECIAL POWER
WOULD A NORMAL 16-YEAR OLD BE ABLE TO CONTROL A GUN OR A CAR BETTER THAN AN ADULT?
HIS KINETIC VISION, HIS REFLEXES, AND HIS DISTANCE RECOGNITION...
NO MATTER HOW YOU LOOK AT IT, IT'S AN EXCELLENT "SUPER" ABILITY.
I SEE.
WELL, IT DOESN'T MATTER EITHER WAY.

YOU'RE A GOOD PERSON.
YOU WERE ONE IN THE PAST TOO,
AND YOU'RE STILL ONE.
NIWA.
HM?
I THINK I'VE WRONGED TAKASHI.
I DON'T KNOW HOW TO RAISE HIM AS A PARENT.
I RAISED HIM AS A LAB ANIMAL.
I THINK I'VE...
DONE SOMETHING TRULY HORRIBLE.

TABANE...
YOU KNOW,
WHY DON'T WE GET MARRIED?
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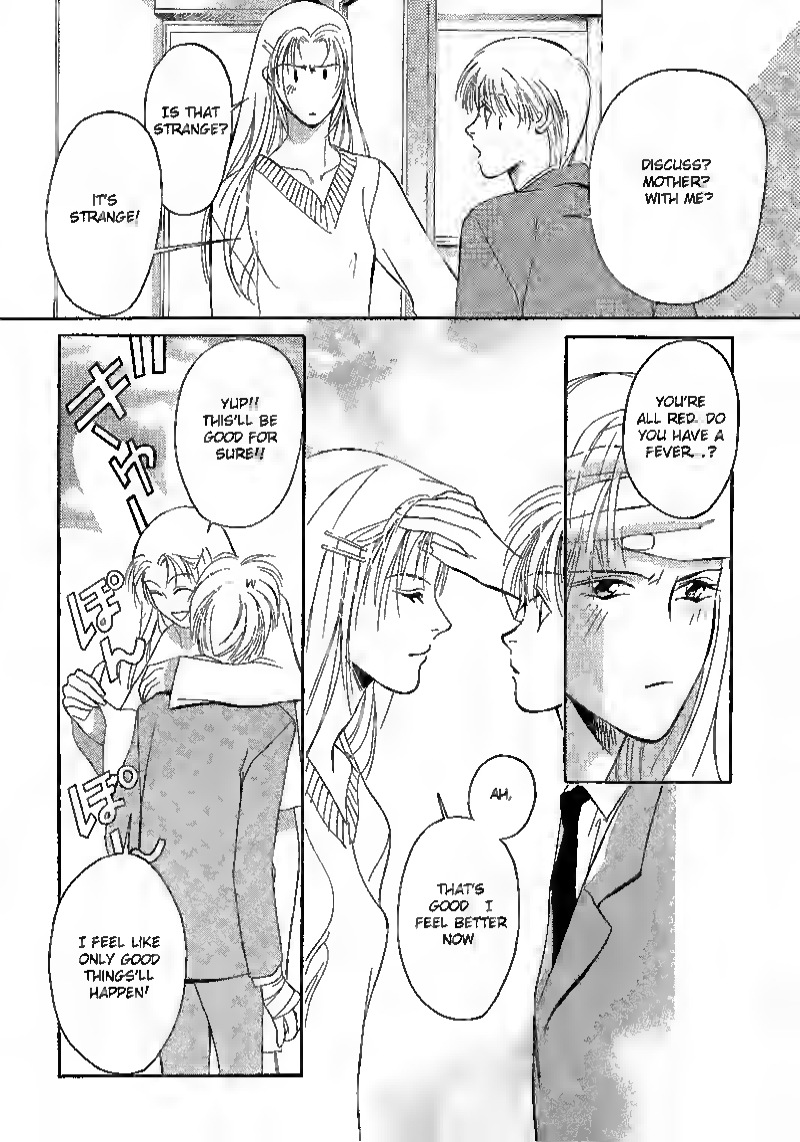
MOTHER!
MOTHER!!
WH-WHAT IS IT?
I'M GOING NOW!
TAKASHI,
WHEN YOU RETURN HOME TODAY, THERE'S SOMETHING I NEED TO DISCUSS WITH YOU.


DISCUSS? MOTHER? WITH ME?
IS THAT STRANGE?
IT'S STRANGE!
YOU'RE ALL RED. DO YOU HAVE A FEVER..?
AH,
THAT'S GOOD I FEEL BETTER NOW
YUP!! THIS'LL BE GOOD FOR SURE!!
I FEEL LIKE ONLY GOOD THINGS'LL HAPPEN!

GO
I'LL BE LOOKING FORWARD TO YOUR RETURN
13'
I SEE IT, I SEE IT, I SEE IT!!
I SAW IT CLEARLY UP 'TIL STAGE 5!
AW, DAMN, I'M SO HAPPY!

I'LL BE GOING HOME FIRST!
MOTHER SEEMED TO HAVE SOMETHING TO SAY TO ME!
EXCUSE ME!!
CAN I GET TO SEE THE LATER ONES TOO?
YES.
AND THEN THE TIMING...
SEE YA
AH, OK. I'M GOING TO PLAY A BIT MORE!
BESIDES, NO MATTER HOW MANY TIMES I DO IT, I CAN'T SEE THE X'S!
HMPH, THAT IDIOT!
I'M NEVER GOING ANYWHERE WITH HIM AGAIN!

THERE'S AWFULLY FEW...
MEOW
HUH?
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IT LOOKED JUST LIKE A HUMAN'S...
..! THERE IT IS AGAIN...!!
WHAT WAS THAT?

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...MOTHER...?

MOTHER!!
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MOTHER!!
AHH, TAKASHI..
I'LL GO AND CALL AN AMBULANCE...
IT'S FINE.
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THEY'LL COME SOONER OR LATER
THE BLOOD!
I HAVE TO STOP THE BLOOD!
IT'S FINE

THIRTY PERCENT ... OF MY IN-SIDES ... WERE EATEN...
AND THERE'S ALSO THE BITE WOUNDS AND SALIVA...
IT'S IMPOSSIBLE TO TREAT
WHAT ARE YOU SAYING?! I'LL STOP THE BLOOD!
AT THIS RATE, I...
IT HURTS
TAKASHI.. YOUR HAND.
...THEY WERE STRANGE

THEIR APPEARANCE WAS SMALL...
LIKE A FELINE CARNIVORE...
IF THEY WERE FELINE FIRST...
THEY WOULD HAVE KILLED THE PREY BEFORE EATING
THEIR ... MOVEMENTS WERE SCATTERED.
THERE WERE THOSE WHO BIT THE STOMACH,
AND THOSE WHO AIMED FOR THE THROAT OR FACE ..
THEY WERE LIKE LIONS IN THAT THEY HUNTED IN A PACK,
BUT, EVEN THOUGH THEY WERE GROUPED TOGETHER, THEY DIDN'T COOPERATE...
MOTHER!
MOTHER, IT'S OK DON'T TALK ANYMORE!
...THIS FEELS GOOD

IT'S A WONDERFUL ABILITY, TAKASHI.
AS THOUGH I'M SUR-ROUNDED BY FLOWERS.
THIS FEELS GOOD,
I'M SURE SOMEONE WILL TREA-SURE YOU.

M-
MOTHER!!

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MOTHER!!

LEAVE YOUR MOTHER TO ME!!
NIWA-SAN
WHERE IS MOTHER...
JUST HURRY!!
FOR NOW, GET IN MY CAR
MOTHER!! LET GO OF HER!!
TAKASHI -KUN!!
TAKASHI-KUN, IT'S ME!!

TAKASHI?
GET HIM TO CHANGE UP AND REST.
TABANE HAD A FEW INJURIES
TAKASHI, WAIT HERE
I'LL CONTACT YOU LATER.
ARE YOU HURT ANYWHERE?
I SEE, SO THIS IS ALL YOUR MOTHER'S .
...WAS IT AN ACCIDENT?
...

WHY DID NIWA-SAN COME?
MAYBE THEY DECIDED THAT IT WAS BETTER LEAVING IT TO THEM
AT ANY RATE, COME ON UP.
AT LEAST TAKE A SHOWER.
...I DON'T REALLY UNDERSTAND THE SITUATION...
BUT IF DAD'S INVOLVED, THEN IT'S A MILITARY-RELATED FACILITY.
EH?
THAT WASN'T AN ORDINARY AMBULANCE.
WHERE'S MOTHER GOING, RIDING IN THAT...
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FUR?
TAKASHI!!

SHIT.
THAT'S RIGHT, HE ALWAYS GETS ANEMIA.
IT'S WAY TOO HUMILIATING TO DROWN IN THE BATH! HEY!!
HEY!! HEY!
MAYBE IT'S BETTER TO JUST LET HIM SLEEP LIKE THIS.
AT LEAST HE'S BREATHING

DAD
AHH, SHIN'YA,
HOW'S TAKASHI-KUN?
HE'S SLEEPING FOR NOW
I SEE
JUST WHAT HAPPENED?
I'LL TELL YOU ABOUT IT ONCE I STRAIGHTEN THINGS OUT
ANYWAYS, TAKE TWO, THREE DAYS OFF FROM SCHOOL AND WATCH OVER HIM
I'LL CALL AGAIN LATER
THIS IS CNN NEWS' MENU UP UNTIL 8 THIS MORNING

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THERE'S NO PLACE THAT WILL HAVE REPORTED ABOUT YOUR MOTHER YET.
IT WAS JUST LAST NIGHT.
AND IT'S NOT IN THE NEWS ON ANY OF THE CHANNELS UP UNTIL 11.
THAT'S EVERYTHING.
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THE NUMBER OF MISSING PEOPLE'S GROWN AGAIN.
OH,
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CALM DOWN!
HEY!!

EH?!
I'M GOING HOME.
I HAVE TO TELL THEM ABOUT MY MOTHER..
HEY, WAIT!
...I'M GOING HOME.
WHAT..?

WHAT IS THIS ?!
IT'S LIKE NOTHING AT ALL HAPPENED..
MOTHER..
IT REALLY WAS
TRUE THEN..
A BLOOD STAIN..

SAZANE TOMIYOSHI
IS THAT YOUR FATHER'S NAME?
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EVERY MONTH A SET AMOUNT OF MONEY'S TRANSFERRED INTO MY MOTHER'S BANK ACCOUNT THROUGH THIS MAN'S NAME.
LET ME BE IN TIME TO CONTACT THE BANK...
THERE IS NO DATA ON YOUR ACCOUNT.
WHY?!
IT'S AN EMERGENCY! I'M BEGGING YOU!!

DO YOU KNOW THIS MAN'S GENOME* NUMBER?
IF SO, WE CAN SLIP INTO EVEN THE MANAGE-MENT CENTER'S COMPLITER.
*Chromosomes
I DON'T HAVE ANY ABILITY AS A HACKER.
WHO'S GOING TO DO THAT?
I DON'T EITHER.
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YOSHITO
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SO WHERE'S THE HOSPI-TAL...
YOUR MOM WHAT?
AHH, SO YOU REALLY WERE HERE.
NIWA-SAN!!
MY MOTHER?!
SHE'S IN THE ICU.

NO!!
WHY TO A PLACE LIKE THAT?!
THIS IS A SPECIAL FACILITY EVEN VISITS WITNIN THE FAMILY IS DIFFICULT
CAN'T I SEE HER?!
TO ENTER HERE
IT WAS YOUR MOTHER'S HOPE
AT ANY RATE, CALM DOWN.
SOONER OR LATER, NO MATTER IN WHAT SHAPE,
SHE'LL COME BACK TO YOU
DAD
SHINYA?

WHO IS IT? A FRIEND?
AH, NICE TO MEET YOU!
I'M SHIDA YOSHITO. I'VE KNOWN TAKASHI SINCE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL!
TRY TO BE CAREFUL
IT SEEMS THAT HE'S NOT A PHYSICALLY STRONG CHILD
AH, NIWA-SENPAI,
I'LL BE STAYING OVER TONIGHT, TOO!
SHIDA NORIYOSHI AND YUSUKE'S...?
...!!
SHIDA YOSHITO...?
NO... THIS IS A COINCIDENCE I SEE...
HUH?
YOU KNOW MOM AND DAD?

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